



Reno Allotment

Annual Operating Instructions 2026

Annual Operating Instructions specify annual actions needed to implement the Allotment Management Plan for the grazing season. These instructions are made part of your Term Grazing Permit as specified in Part 2, Section 8(a) of the permit and supersede all previous AOI's for this allotment. Non-compliance with the AOI may result in permit action under Part 1, Paragraph 3 of the permit.

I. Authorization

The following numbers and classes of livestock are allowed to graze the Reno Allotment during the 2026 grazing year as authorized by the paid Bill for Collection.

| Kind | Number | Class | Dates of Use |
|--------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Cattle | 342 | Cow/Calf | March 1 – February 28 |
| Cattle | 262 | Yearlings | January 1 – May 31 |

II. Rotation Schedule

Schedule may require adjustment due to changing weather, wildfire, range and soil conditions, conflicts or protection of wildlife, water availability, utilization levels, and time required to move livestock. Any deviations should be discussed and approved in advance by District Ranger. Please maintain and submit Actual Use records yearly documenting your actual numbers and rotation.

| Pasture | Dates of Use | Number | Tentative Inspection | Comments |
|-----------|------------------------|--------|----------------------|--|
| Sycamore | January 1- February 28 | 210 | March 9 | 210 livestock total. Yearlings will be removed by May 31 |
| Mesquite | March 1- May 31 | 210 | June 8 | |
| Reno | June 1- July 31 | 130 | August 10 | |
| Mount Ord | August 1- October 31 | 130 | November 9 | |
| Long Mesa | November 1- Next AOI | 130 | Next AOI | |

III. Structural Range Improvements

Assigned range improvements must be maintained to the specifications described in the grazing permit. Livestock may not be moved into pastures if range improvement maintenance specifications are not met for that pasture. Fences, corrals, and water system maintenance do not require additional approval. Stock tanks approved for cleaning and repair without further approval are identified in the permit. Any use of heavy equipment must be coordinated with the District Ranger in advance.

If a previously unidentified archaeological, paleontological, or historic site(s) is encountered during maintenance or construction of any rangeland improvement by the permittee or contractor, that person shall discontinue work in the general area of the site(s) and notify the Forest Service authorized officer immediately.

IV. Allowable Use and Monitoring

The Forest Plan and AMP for the Reno Allotment established the following conservative use levels to allow for sustaining and improving rangeland conditions. Grazing is managed so that conservative use levels are achieved over the long-term.

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| Upland | Herbaceous | 30-40% utilization |
| | Woody | 50% of current year's growth |
| Riparian | Herbaceous | 40% plant biomass 6-8" stubble height on Deer Grass |
| | Woody | 50% on leaders on upper 1/3 of plant up to 6' tall |

Upland utilization is measured at the end of the growing season in key areas for key forage species. This information, along with vegetation conditions, forage production and vigor, soil and watershed condition, will be used to make informed management decisions concerning pasture moves and stocking rates.


Riparian utilization in key reaches is measured during the growing season to verify residual vegetation is present for streambank protection during flow events.

Grazing intensity will be evaluated during the grazing period to make necessary changes needed for plant development and recovery.

It is your responsibility to manage your livestock so grazing does not exceed prescribed use thresholds. If use levels are reached before scheduled move dates, livestock should be moved to the next scheduled pasture. Please coordinate with Range Staff if dates require adjustment.

V. Additional Grazing Management Instructions

- Salt or mineral supplements should not be placed near riparian, wetland, karst features, or other areas where livestock concentrations are undesired.
- Supplemental feeding is not authorized at this time.
- Be aware of and follow Fire Restrictions
- No grazing in SWWF Habitat or the TRCU.
- Kayler and Malone pastures will be limited to years with abundant annual growth.
- Kayler, Malone, Long Mesa and Mesquite pastures adjacent to the TRCU will shut off waters within 1 mile of occupied SWWF habitat from May 15th through August 15th.
- Disturbance activities will not be conducted within a quarter mile of PACs during MSO breeding season.
- Utilization in MSO habitat must stay below 20 to 30%.

| Signature of Forest Officer | Name (Print) | Title | Date |
|---|--------------|-----------------|------------|
|  | Jeremy Plain | District Ranger | 12/31/2026 |



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Correction Notice – AOIs
Subject – Correction to signature date

Dear Tonto Basin Livestock Grazing Permittee,

It has come to our attention during review of our 2026 Annual Operating Instructions that a clerical error occurred in the signature date at the end of your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) letter. The year listed in the signature block was incorrectly written as 2026. The correct signature date should have read: December 31, 2025.

This correction applies only to the year listed in the signature date. All other contents of the document remain accurate and unchanged. Please update your records to reflect this correction. If you have any questions or require a new copy of your AOI reflecting the correct date, please let me know.

Sincerely,


X _____

ERIC HOSKINS
Acting District Ranger

